

Woman's Department.
From Almira Jane 2nd.

I am not Almira Jane 1st whose husband is "our blunder" and who keeps her best bonnets and egg box in the same closet,—no, she, I think has, said her whole say, but am Almira Jane 2nd, and my husband's name is Manasseh, and I am sick and can't work, nor can I, for love or money and any one to do for me; and I want to know what Jane Fisher would do about living men folks in the kitchen in the house. I guess she'll have to give it up, and she don't feel convinced, I will invite her to visit me and see what a nice, nice kitchen Manasseh keeps, and what good things and cake he can make; and then, too,

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"The lily had better be careful, and not do
 as the rose, for she is too full of herself,
 so haughty and pleasant to do light work
 of no value, but woman's constitution is
 made for labor requiring such exertion
 as to do more than the rose can do. It
 is enough make girls coarse or masculine
 enough natures are different, some being
 more delicate than others, and need more
 nurses. Be careful, girls, to remember the
 old code to politer which is the Golden
 Rule, and use your own good sense as
 to the propriety of the lily's doing what
 is being unadvisable.
 "There is one treasure I hope the girls
 will keep, and that is their purity; for
 the beauty of the lily is due to her
 respect. Longfellow, in his lines of
 "Fidelity," using the lily as an emblem
 of purity, says:
 "A lily to thy hand,
 Gastes of bloom cannot withstand
 One touch of that magic wand."
 Knit Lace.
 "I have never written this column be-
 fore, but always read the articles with
 much interest, and as I have been knitting
 lace for some time, I thought I would
 send the directions for knitting it.

up to 10 stitches; knit across plain
three times; slip one, knit two,
and narrow three times; knit two;
purl over and narrow three times;
knit two; slip one, knit two, and
narrow three times; knit two;
purl over and narrow three times;
knit two; slip one, knit two, and
narrow three times; knit three;
purl over and narrow three times;
purl over and narrow three times;
knit two; slip one, knit eleven, purl
over, narrow three times, knit two
and narrow three times; knit four,
purl over and narrow three times;
purl over and narrow three times;
purl over and knit two together
three times; slip one, knit two, purl
over and narrow three times;
e, purl over and narrow three
times; knit one, knit thirteen, purl
over three times, knit two; slip
over and narrow three times;
knit six, purl over and narrow
three times; purl over, knit one;
slip one, knit two, purl over and
narrow two together three times,
knit two; slip one, knit two, purl
over and narrow three times; purl
over and narrow three times; purl
over, knit one; slip one, knit fifteen,
purl over and narrow three times;

slip off one, knit two, put thread over
and narrow three times, knit eight,
put thread over and narrow three times;
read over and knit one; slip off one, knit
teen, put thread over and narrow three
times; knit two; slip off one, knit two, put
thread over and narrow three times;
narrow seven times; bind off six, knit nine,
put thread over and narrow three times,
knit two; slip off one, knit two, put thread
over and narrow three times, knit two
number 80 thread and fine needles, and I
secretly to wear in the neck and sleeves of
garments. I have tried Nina's and Ellen's
method, and they are good. I will give
credit if either of them try mine, with
my pleasure tell me how they like it, in
order that I may know whether or no
the best, crocheted or knit? Yours
Caroline.

MEDA.

Total Abstinence.

I rejoice that the friends of temperance
this column are beginning to express
their minds on the importance of it; and
in doing what is in our power to banish
from our minds all thoughts of intemper-
ance, which is sweeping
multitudes who promise the greatest
good to society to untimely and dis-
torted graves.

has been complicit on good authority that the
at the victims of intemperance. Make them proud to
each year by our late war of the rebellion
and. Let us take a few figures from the Temperance
In one of our lectures on Temperance
and Republican institutions, he said that
church property of this country is estimated at \$55,000,000, and the drink traffic
costs nearly double this amount
\$70,000,000.
Let us plant in the hearts of children the
of intemperance. Make them proud to
the stock and wine all refuse
to the farmer's cellar, to the small
the pure sparkling water a wise
the beneficent Creator has so bountifully
temperance workers that will help
work out of the evil. How often
made by a temperance plowman

And, I think, that all the world is to do with the Lord, and with the efforts that are now being made, will be accomplished at once. I have seen the Lord's angels, and precious children in her arms, does not fear of agony because those who are in the future will be saved from the snares of the tempter. Let me entreat our Western sisters in their need of strength, to be true to the Lord, the strength of our Heavenly Father has no taught us to ask, and promised to us, let us by precept and example to us in His power. E. P.

Another Farmer's Girl.

"Addie" of Monson in the FARMER of Nov. 19, wants to learn what other farmers are doing to save their money. I have forty-nine pounds. I can go to the store and purchase the cows from the neighbors, and I can get a cow for a three-year-old steer, can drive the steers after they are yoked (could you do so if I could not get a cow?) and can put the cows in the barn without yoke, can drive all the cattle in the barn, can tie up the horses on the road or ride, can put the horses in the harness, and put the harness on the wagon after the harness is on, can reach much, high enough to get the harness on the horse, and can do better? EDITH.



Maine Farmer.

Augusta, July 31, 1880.

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City News.

The Trustees of the Augusta Savings Bank held their semi-annual meeting on Tuesday next to declare the August dividend which will be payable on Wednesday.

On Wednesday the corporation and its associates held their annual meeting for the choice of officers.

Mr. William R. Smith, has been for a few days resting at the new water place just out of Portland.

Mr. Joseph E. Badger, is spending ten days camping out on an island in Cobscook Bay, enjoying fishing and camp life.

Mr. George P. Hatch, has sold his late residence on Sewall street to Mrs. Wilson.

Mr. E. B. Thorne, at this season one hundred and forty tons of hay, being forty tons more than he cut last year.

Mr. Joseph W. Patterson informs us that on the first day of April 1869, he took a census of this city.

Mr. Patterson from his long experience as a perfect farmer, has with every location in this city is probably as well adapted for this work as any citizen.

He performed his work with great accuracy and found only 6,659 inhabitants exclusively of 399 at the Insane Hospital, which included patients and employees.

making the total 7,057. Yet in June 1870 the census taken by the same man, and the census returns for 1880 gave us 7,000 inhabitants.

We are inclined to believe that Patterson's return was the more accurate which would show an increase in our city during the last decade of 180 inhabitants.

certainly we are increasing in population; the evidence is upon every hand.

Our census returns for 1860 and 1870 as basis our increase has been slight.

Our number of dwellings has increased in a large ratio, the number of operatives employed has much greater and we were never doing the manufacturing business that is now being done.

The number of children is slightly less than twenty years ago but under these circumstances is indeed strange.

Last Saturday a number of the inmates of the Insane Hospital, enjoyed a trip to Hammond's Grove, Manchester, where they partook of a picnic dinner.

The officers of the institution believe that many of the patients derive great benefits from these trips and endeavor to make these excursions as often as possible.

Two of the parties escaped but were re-captured. The walls of the E. C. Allen block are all up and it is now being roofed in.

It is the tallest building on Water street. The Sophomore class of Colby University, celebrated the close of their summer vacation at the State House last week.

The following literary exercises: Oration, by L. H. Owen; Poem, G. L. Dunham; History, F. W. Farr; Prophecy, R. G. Frye; Toastmaster, Saunders.

The class numbered forty. Mr. T. Townsend, Superintendent of the Judge Rice farm on the Mill brook road, has recently returned from a tour of inspection.

He dropped dead while hauling in a load of hay. Dr. Chas. E. Mallett of Bath, a graduate of the Harvard Medical School, is settling in practice in this city.

Dr. Mallett has pursued a special course in the Massachusetts General Hospital, and has been very highly recommended.

We learn that Mr. John Mulliken is seriously ill; he has been quite unwell for some days and it is thought he cannot recover.

Mr. P. F. Ryan & Son have been assigned to Col. M. V. B. Chase.

ALASKA. The New York Tribune of Monday contains an article of four columns upon the proposed purchase of Alaska.

It is the largest territory in the world, the oldest son of Senator Blaine, a resident of St. Paul, Minn. Very little is known about this territorial acquisition.

But Mr. Blaine's letter will be a valuable addition to the history of this land and its people.

Mr. Blaine, although a young man, writes with great ease and with entire accuracy, with purity of style and strength of expression.

He could not fail to achieve distinction among the best writers in the country if he gave his attention to journalism.

Mr. Blaine in his article, "Alaska," has shown a knowledge of the subject never before seen in a popular writer.

She possesses other great resources, all of which will ultimately become valuable.

She pays to the Government an annual revenue of between two and three hundred thousand dollars, but for the purposes of her riches, for the safety of her inhabitants, for the protection of individual property, the United States has for nearly two years neither expended a dollar nor enacted a law.

Wide laws and ample protection will encourage emigration and attract capital, but it is not until the material development of Alaska it is bound to guard the interests of Alaska's inhabitants.

No material advancement is satisfactory, and no economy a matter of congratulation so long as the nation's promise is not literally and liberally fulfilled, and the persons and property of the Government of citizens not supply protected.

In speaking of the trip from Nainina to Sitka he says, "High up in the sky, the sun rolls lazily along, completing the task in twenty hours which elsewhere he accomplishes in fourteen. The nights glitter with weird light, the stars are reflected in the water. The west yet glimmers with the streaks of day, while in the east dawn stands upon the misty mountain top.

At 10 to 11 the finest print is read with ease, and at 3 in the morning the sun streaming into the state room wakens you from sleep."

THE CENSUS. Returns from the following counties have been received complete:

1870. 1880. Kennebec, 35,225. 44,997. Piscataquis, 14,267. 18,555. Lincoln, 25,400. 30,472. Sagadahoc, 18,809. 22,710. Somerset, 34,611. 40,233. Hancock, 10,174. 12,488. Total, 317,798. 390,360.

Showing an increase of 72,562, and this includes one-half of the population of the State.

Political Notes.

Senator Edmunds opened the Republican campaign in Vermont last week by a speech at Vergennes.

The headquarters of the National Democratic Convention are established at 135 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

The Democrats of Hallowell held a meeting last week for the purpose of forming a Campaign Club and for the choice of delegates to the District Congressional Convention.

Gen. Kilpatrick's active campaign work for the Republicans will open with a speech at Bellows Falls, Vermont, August 2.

On August 3 and 4 he will speak in New Hampshire, and from the 12th to the 15th he will be heard in Maine.

Ex-Gov. Woodford goes to Vermont next week and makes his first speech July 29th.

Seven times in the State, and will then go to Maine, where he will take an active part in the fight for two weeks.

The California Greenback State Convention nominated W. H. Howe for Congress in the Third, and J. D. Godfrey in the Fourth District.

The platform endorses the Chicago platform with every addition, Auburn Republicans had a flag raising last week, with a speech by Congressman Frye, in Auburn Hall.

Members of the Western Division of the National Republican League met last week at Chicago, Senator Logan presiding.

Chauncey S. Filley, of Missouri, was elected vice-president of the league.

Advisees were present, and the league was organized.

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Temperance Convention.

Under a call for consultation, issued by Hon. Joshua Nye, a meeting of the State Temperance Convention was held in Grand Rapids, on Thursday, July 29th.

The convention was called to order by Nye, the President of the Society, Rev. Dr. Hamlin of Bangor, offered prayer.

Mr. Nye read an address, urging that the prohibitory law should be enforced; that there was no public question of to-day, that it was a question of the future.

He compared with the liquor traffic, and claimed that the law should be strictly enforced. Mr. Andrew J. Chase of Dering, moved which motion was adopted.

The appointment of a Committee on Address, as follows: Hon. Nelson Dingley, Lewiston; W. T. East, Dixfield; C. V. Crossman, Bangor; Rev. H. G. Munson, Wilton; B. F. Hamlin, Bangor; J. W. Bradbury, Buxton; Rev. A. S. Ladd, Portland.

Committee on Resolutions was then appointed. H. R. Milllet, Gorham; R. W. Dunn, Waterville; W. F. Woodbury, Lewiston; L. B. Chapman, Portland; J. H. Kimball, Bangor; C. H. Berry, Pittsford; J. A. Wright, Bangor.

A Committee on Business was appointed as follows: Wm. T. East, David Potter, G. H. Matthews and Jordan Rand.

Rev. John Allen of Farmington, followed in a speech. Rev. Merrill of Bedford, said the sheriffs should either enforce the laws or be discharged.

He said that the law should be strictly enforced in this State, and get 3000 votes, which would hold the balance of power.

Rev. Dr. Hamlin of Bangor, said there were 200 open bars at Bangor. The law is defied.

The Liquor-Legion of Boston, is doing all it can to destroy Prohibition, and if we do not labor vigorously we will be defeated.

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Kennebec County Items.

Mr. A. E. Faight, the census enumerator sends us the following facts about the census in Belgrade: Our former figures were 1311. It should be 1321. Number of families is 311; number of farms is 238; number of deaths during the census year was 28.

The loss in population from 1870 is 164. Among the bequests made by the late Mrs. Faight of Hallowell, was one of \$2000, to the Maine General Hospital.

Last week Capt. McClinck of Steamer Henry Morrison, was out driving, his horse became frightened by the steam whistle at the stone-sheds. The Captain was run over and slightly injured.

Eddie White of Gardiner, who has a complete record of the Maine General Hospital, has a list of 200 different schooners, mostly three-masted, that have sailed out of the Kennebec this year.

Wm. H. Allen, President of Girard College, Philadelphia, is stopping at the old Allen homestead in Manchester. His father was for some time Governor of the State.

John C. Bell of Rev. Mr. Bell of Caribou, has received and accepted a call to the pastorate of the Baptist church in North Vassalboro, and will enter upon his duties the first Sabbath in August.

The widow of the late Nathaniel Gilman, Jr., formerly Miss Hannah Welch, daughter of the late William Gilman, of Winslow, has returned from France, where she has made her home for several years, and is visiting friends in this vicinity.

Her two children, who were with her, died while she was abroad. On the Thursday's trip last week from the Maine place, a list of the vessels between Bath and Hallowell, gave a total of 102, which included 2 on 3 in the harbor at Bath where upwards of 150 vessels were on the river that day.

The great majority of the schooners were 3-masted, several of the 2-masted vessels being of the type of the late Nathaniel Gilman, Jr., formerly Miss Hannah Welch, daughter of the late William Gilman, of Winslow, has returned from France, where she has made her home for several years, and is visiting friends in this vicinity.

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